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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference ICOBW/P32315PC	FOR FURTHER ACTION see Form PCT/ISA/220 as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.	
International application No. PCT/GB2004/005441	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 23/12/2004	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 23/12/2003
Applicant IMPERIAL COLLEGE INNOVATIONS LIMITED		

This International Search Report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This International Search Report consists of a total of 7 sheets.

☒ It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

- a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

☐ The international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

- b. ☒ With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, see Box No. I.

2. ☒ **Certain claims were found unsearchable** (See Box II).

3. ☐ **Unity of invention is lacking** (see Box III).

4. With regard to the title,

☐ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☒ the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

IDENTIFICATION OF ANTIGENICALLY IMPORTANT NEISSERIA ANTIGENS BY SCREENING
INSERTIONAL MUTANT LIBRARIES WITH ANTISERUM

5. With regard to the abstract,

☒ the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

☐ the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box No. IV. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. With regard to the drawings,

- a. the figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

☐ as suggested by the applicant.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

☐ as selected by this Authority, because this figure better characterizes the invention.

- b. ☒ none of the figures is to be published with the abstract.

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Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
 - a. type of material
 - ☒ a sequence listing
 - ☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material
 - ☒ in written format
 - ☒ in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing
 - ☐ contained in the international application as filed
 - ☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form
 - ☒ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purpose of search
2. ☒ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
3. Additional comments:

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 A61P31/04 A61K39/095

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 A61K

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, BIOSIS

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	WO 01/85772 A (MICROSCIENCE LIMITED; TANG, CHRISTOPH) 15 November 2001 (2001-11-15) page 2, line 1 - line 17 claims; examples	16-23
X	TETTELIN H ET AL: "COMPLETE GENOME SEQUENCE OF NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS SEROGROUP B STRAIN MC58" SCIENCE, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SCIENCE,, US, vol. 287, 2000, pages 1809-1815, XP000914963 ISSN: 0036-8075 the whole document	16, 22, 25-32

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:

- *A* document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
- *E* earlier document but published on or after the international filing date
- *L* document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
- *O* document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
- *P* document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed

T later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention

X document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered novel or cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is taken alone

Y document of particular relevance; the claimed invention cannot be considered to involve an inventive step when the document is combined with one or more other such documents, such combination being obvious to a person skilled in the art.

* & * document member of the same patent family

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT		
Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
A	SUN Y-H ET AL: "FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS OF NEISSERIA MENINGITIDIS PATHOGENESIS" NATURE MEDICINE, NATURE PUBLISHING, CO, US, vol. 6, no. 11, November 2000 (2000-11), pages 1269-1273, XP001008318 ISSN: 1078-8956 the whole document -----	1-23, 25-32
A	GEOFFROY M C ET AL: "Large-scale analysis of the meningococcus genome by gene disruption: Resistance to complement-mediated lysis" GENOME RESEARCH, COLD SPRING HARBOR LABORATORY PRESS, US, vol. 13, no. 3, March 2003 (2003-03), pages 391-398, XP002276094 ISSN: 1088-9051 the whole document -----	1-23, 25-32
A	VERMONT C ET AL: "Neisseria meningitidis serogroup B : laboratory correlates of protection" FEMS IMMUNOLOGY AND MEDICAL MICROBIOLOGY, ELSEVIER SCIENCE B.V., AMSTERDAM, NL, vol. 34, 2002, pages 89-96, XP002266484 ISSN: 0928-8244 -----	1-23, 25-32

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Continuation of Box II.1

Although claims 19 and 31 are directed to a method of treatment of the human or animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.

Continuation of Box II.2

Claims Nos.: 24, 33

Claims 24 and 33 were not searched since they do not contain any technical features.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure. If the application proceeds into the regional phase before the EPO, the applicant is reminded that a search may be carried out during examination before the EPO (see EPO Guideline C-VI, 8.5), should the problems which led to the Article 17(2) declaration be overcome.

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Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 19, 31
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:
Although claims 19 and 31 are directed to a method of treatment of the human or animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 24, 33
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

Remark on Protest

- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Information on patent family members

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Patent document cited in search report		Publication date	Patent family member(s)	Publication date
WO 0185772	A	15-11-2001	AU 776508 B2	09-09-2004
			AU 5242201 A	20-11-2001
			CA 2408738 A1	15-11-2001
			CN 1427892 A	02-07-2003
			CZ 20023642 A3	16-04-2003
			EP 1287024 A2	05-03-2003
			WO 0185772 A2	15-11-2001
			HU 0302481 A2	28-10-2003
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			NO 20025329 A	06-01-2003
			NZ 522277 A	28-05-2004
			US 2004087770 A1	06-05-2004
